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and other officers of Government during 1952 and 1953 in the State and the number of articles examined and the results of the examinations? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.''

Employment of refugees in the Neyveli Lignite Mines Project.

* 540 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of refugees employed in various ways in the Neyveli Lignite Mines Project? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Twenty-two refugees are now employed in the lignite project ''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' As there is a general impression that most of the North Indians employed in the Neyveli works are not refugees but have been brought from Bengal in the name of refugees and employed here, will the Government examine the position with the help of the Bengal Government to find out whether they are real refugees? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Government cannot act on impressions conveyed to them by hon. Members of the House. But we have this information that these refugees come from East Bengal and West Punjab in Pakistan—the number being 16 and 6, respectively. Apart from the fact they are refugees, they are all mechanics-skilled workmen, fitters, mechanical operators, mine supervisors, master drillers, surveyors, etc.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—'' பாண்டிச்சேரியிலிருந்து வந்திருக்கக்கூடிய அகதிகள் யாராவது இந்தச் சுரங்கத்தில் வேலை செய்கிறார்களா ? அப்படியானால் எத்தனைபேர் வேலை செய்கிறார்கள் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? '

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I have no information, Sir.'' 8-30 a.m.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Is it a fact, Sir, that these refugees had to be appointed because there was a paucity of technically trained men available in Tamilnad? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Whether there is paucity of technically trained men in Tamilnad or not, we owe it to the refugees that we should also employ some of them wherever there is opportunity to employ them.''

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—'' As the Hon. Minister said these were refugees, were these refugees recommended officially by the Refugee Rehabilitation Board, at Delhi? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, about this question, I would like to have notice.''

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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member Sri Aranganathan says that these men are not refugees but the Hon. Minister says they are refugees. What are the methods adopted by the Government to find out whether a particular person is a refugee or not? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already stated that we have this information that these persons come from particular Pakistan States. There is nothing more to be enquired into by the Government. As I have already stated, even if they are not refugees, they are skilled workers and there is nothing wrong in employing them."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" வடநாட்டிலிருந்து வந்த 22 அகதிகளில் நெய்வேலி சுரங்கத்தில் எத்தனைபேருக்கு பெரிய உத்தியோகங்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ? வடநாட்டிலிருந்து வந்த உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்கும், கூலியாட்களுக்கும், தென்னாட்டிலிருக்கும் உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்கும், கூலியாட்களுக்கும் எதாவது எற்றத் தாழ்வு உண்டா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I cannot answer that general question, Sir. These refugees are drawing different rates of pay, namely, Rs. 9 per day, Rs. 5 per day, Rs. 2 per day, Rs. 214 per month, Rs. 84 per month and Rs. 49 per month. I may tell the hon. Member that there are several South Indian workers and skilled workers who are working in 'Vadanad'."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஆங்கிலத்தில் ஒரு பழமொழி உண்டு " Charity begins at Home " நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தில் இன்னும் வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டம் தீர்க்கப்படாமல் இருக்கும்பொழுது மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தாரால் அனுப்பப்படும் அகதிகளுக்கு ஏன் இம் மாகாண அரசாங்கம் அதிக பொறுப்பு எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the Central Government governs the whole of India including Madras State."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know, Sir, the competent authority that certified these men as refugees? Are they simply certified by Mr. Ghosh, the technical officer on the spot, and classified as refugees by him. Did the persons employed there on the ground that they are refugees, get any certificate to that effect from the Refugees Rehabilitation Board in New Delhi? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated, Sir, that even if they are not refugees, if they are qualified mechanics and skilled workmen, there is nothing wrong in employing them."

Primary Health Centres.

* 541 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Primary Health centres in the State; and